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SUBJECT: VISIT OF PRINCE TURKI BIN ABDALAZIZ

1. DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN INFORMED BY GEORGE CICCONE OF PRINCE TURKI'S PERSONAL STAFF THAT TURKI PLANS PRIVATE VISIT TO CALIFORNIA AND THAT STATE DEPARTMENT WOULD RECEIVE MESSAGE FROM "SAUDI AMBASSADOR TO SWITZERLAND" REQUESTING USG ASSISTANCE IN FACILITATING ARRIVAL AND STAY. NO SUCH MESSAGE YET RECEIVED. SINCE PRINCE IS PRESUMED LIKELY TO ARRIVE WITH ARMED BODYGUARDS, IT IS ESSENTIAL WE HAVE INFORMATION ON HIS TRAVEL PLANS SOONEST. SAUDI EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON IS UNINFORMED ON PRINCE'S PLANS, AND AMBASSADOR, NOW OUT OF COUNTRY, HAS INSTRUCTED CHARGE NOT TO GET INVOLVED IN VISIT.

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2. PLEASE ASCERTAIN TURKI'S US TRAVEL PLANS INCLUDING ETA AND MAKEUP OF ACCOMPANYING PARTY. IF SAG UNABLE TO PROVIDE DETAILS, SUGGEST YOU SEEK ASSISTANCE FROM OUR EMBASSIES WHERE TURKI IS PRESENTLY LOCATED (PROBABLY BERN OR LONDON). WITHOUT THIS INFORMATION WE WILL

BE UNABLE TO MAKE REQUESTED ARRANGEMENTS IN TIMELY FASHION.

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